

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on October 7, 2010 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

The applicant made no attempt to point out how the language of claims 32-35, 39, and 41 specifically distinguishes it from the cited reference of Wolffenbuttel (USPN 4,749,851). Although the applicant argues that claim 1 and claim 32 have similar limitations (p. 20 of the response), the examiner respectfully disagrees since claim 32 is directed to a "method of photo-sensing comprising: biasing a junction field effect transistor..." while claim 1 is directed to solely a "semiconductor device" (and not a junction field effect transistor) with a "first pn-junction" and a "second pn-junction." This is in violation of 37 CFR 1.111 (b) which states, "The reply must present arguments pointing out the specific distinctions believed to render the claims, including any newly presented claims, patentable over any applied references." See 37 CFR 1.111. Furthermore, p. 20 of the response twice states that claim 1 is amended. However claim 1, in the claim listing filed on October 7, 2010, appears to be identical to the originally filed claim. The examiner respectfully requests that the status of claim 1 be clarified in the next response. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin Quinto whose telephone number is (571) 272-1920. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sue Purvis can be reached on (571) 272-1236. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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